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RE:

APPLICATION OF CHARLES FORTIER D/B/A A BETTER PAYPHONE CO. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE CUSTOMER OWNED PAY TELEPHONE (DOCKET NO. T-20447A-06-0160)

On March 13, 2006, Charles Fortier d/b/a A Better Payphone Co. ("Applicant") filed an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide Customer Owned Pay Telephone ("COPT") service in Arizona. The Applicant indicated on its Application that it will provide service in accordance with the rates, charges, terms and conditions contained within the COPT Generic Tariff.

Staff sent a data request to the Applicant on March 27, 2006 via certified mail. On May 30, 2006, Staff received the Applicant's response to Staff's data request. In its response, the Applicant submitted a copy of the customer information placard that will be affixed to all of the Applicant's payphones. Staff has reviewed the Applicant's customer information placard and concluded that it meets the terms of the Generic Tariff.

Staff believes that certain benefits in the form of increased pay telephone availability will accrue to the public and that the issuance of a CC&N is in the public interest. Therefore, Staff recommends approval of the Application.

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